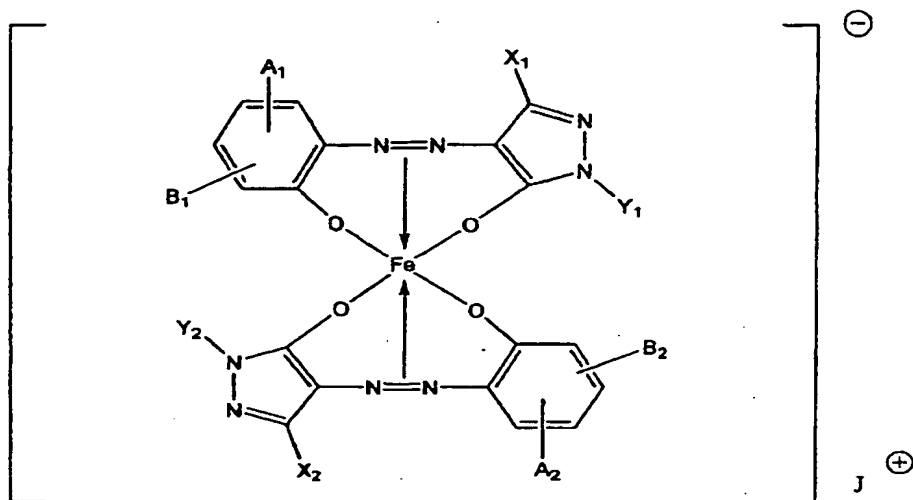


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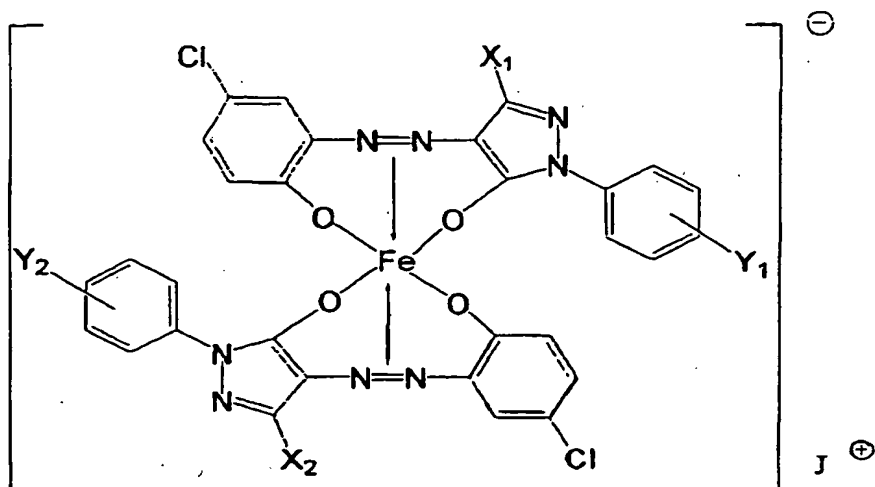
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An electrophotographic printing method which comprises using a negatively chargeable toner comprising a charge controlling agent ~~containing~~ comprising a monoazo iron complex compound of the formula (1) as an effective component,



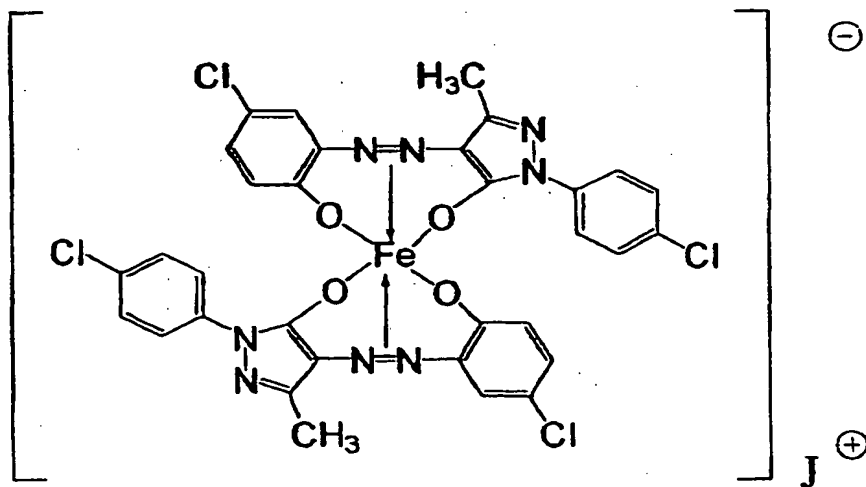
wherein  $\text{A}_1$ ,  $\text{A}_2$ ,  $\text{B}_1$  and  $\text{B}_2$  are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or a halogen atom, J is H, an alkali metal,  $\text{NH}_4$  or an alkylammonium, they may be two or more kinds,  $\text{X}_1$  and  $\text{X}_2$  are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or a halogen atom, and  $\text{Y}_1$  and  $\text{Y}_2$  are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or an aromatic group which may have a substituent, provided that a case in which  $\text{A}_1$ ,  $\text{A}_2$ ,  $\text{B}_1$ ,  $\text{B}_2$ ,  $\text{X}_1$ ,  $\text{X}_2$ ,  $\text{Y}_1$ , and  $\text{Y}_2$  are hydrogen at the same time is excluded.

Claim 2 (Original): The electrophotographic printing method according to Claim 1, wherein the charge controlling agent contains a monoazo iron complex compound of the formula (2) as an effective component,



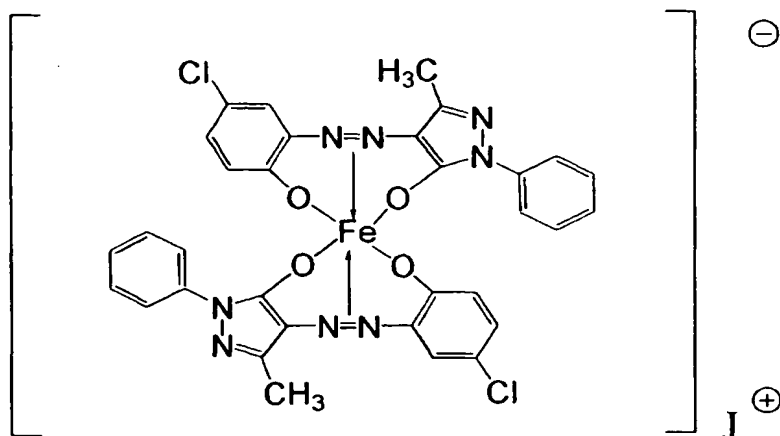
wherein J is H, Na, NH<sub>4</sub> or an alkylammonium, they may be two or more kinds, X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub> are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or a halogen atom, and Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or a halogen atom.

Claim 3 (Original): The electrophotographic printing method according to Claim 1, wherein the charge controlling agent contains a monoazo iron complex compound of the formula (3) as an effective component,



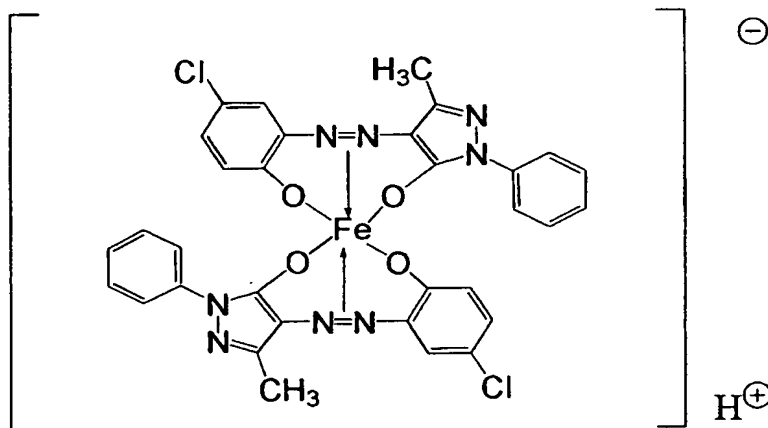
wherein J is H, Na, NH<sub>4</sub> or an alkylammonium, and they may be two or more kinds.

Claim 4 (Original): The electrophotographic printing method according to Claim 1, wherein the charge controlling agent contains a monoazo iron complex compound of the formula (4) as an effective component,



wherein J is H, Na, NH<sub>4</sub> or an alkylammonium, and they may be two or more kinds.

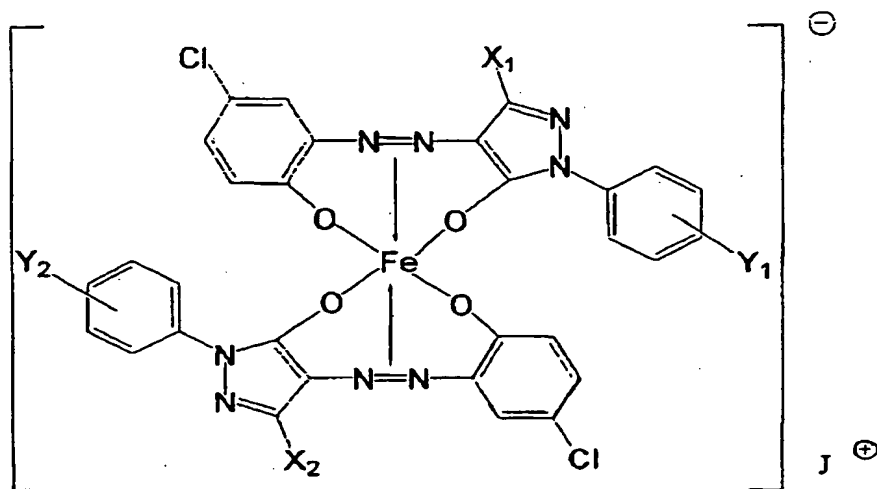
Claim 5 (Original): The electrophotographic printing method according to Claim 1, wherein the charge controlling agent contains a monoazo iron complex compound of the formula (5) as an effective component,



Claim 6 (Original): The electrophotographic printing method according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the charge controlling agent has a volume average particle size of from 0.1 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 7 (Original): A negatively chargeable toner which comprises a charge controlling agent as defined in Claim 1, a coloring agent and a binder resin.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the charge controlling agent is defined by the following formula: ~~one as defined in any one of Claims 2 to 5~~



wherein J is H, Na, NH<sub>4</sub> or an alkylammonium, they may be two or more kinds, X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub> are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or a halogen atom, and Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or a halogen atom.

Claim 9 (Original): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the monoazo iron complex compound as an effective component of the charge controlling agent is incorporated within toner particles in an amount of from 0.1 to 10 mass parts per 100 mass parts of a binder resin.

Claim 10 (Original): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the binder resin has an acid value of from 0.1 to 100 mgKOH/g.

Claim 11 (Original): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the coloring agent is a magnetic material.

Claim 12 (Original): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the coloring agent is a non-magnetic coloring agent and is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 20 mass parts per 100 mass parts of a binder resin.

Claim 13 (Original): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein a wax is further contained.

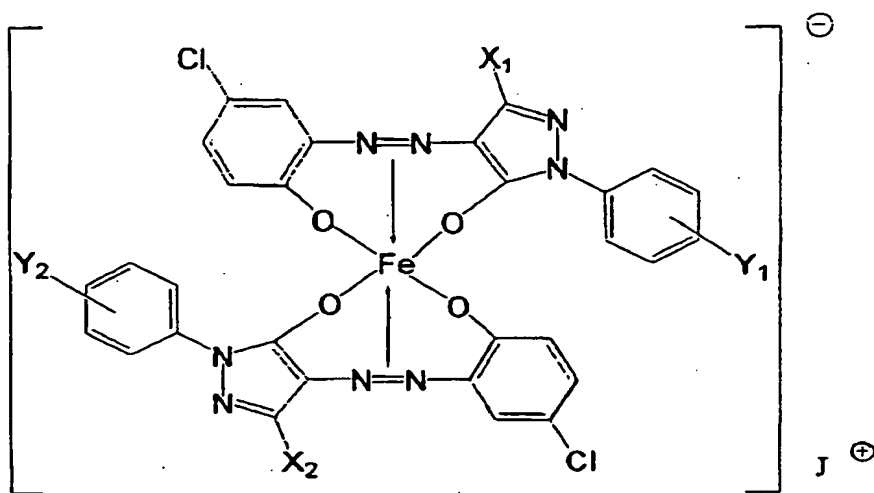
Claim 14 (Original): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the toner has a volume average particle size of from 2 to 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 15 (Original): A one-component system developer which comprises the toner as defined in Claim 7.

Claim 16 (Original): A two-component system developer which comprises a

negatively chargeable toner and a carrier, wherein the toner contains at least a binder resin, a coloring agent and a monoazo iron complex compound, and the monoazo iron complex compound is a monoazo iron complex compound as an effective component of the charge controlling agent as defined in Claim 1.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16, wherein the charge controlling agent is defined by the following formula:  
~~one as defined in any one of Claims 2 to 5.~~



wherein J is H, Na, NH<sub>4</sub> or an alkylammonium, they may be two or more kinds, X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub> are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or a halogen atom, and Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> are respectively independently H, an alkyl group or a halogen atom.

Claim 18 (Original): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16, wherein the monoazo iron complex compound is incorporated within toner particles in an amount of from 0.1 to 10 mass parts per 100 mass part of the binder resin.

Claim 19 (Original): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16, wherein the toner contains a styrene-acryl type resin as a binder resin.

Claim 20 (Original): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16, wherein the binder resin has an acid value of from 0.1 to 100 mgKOH/g.

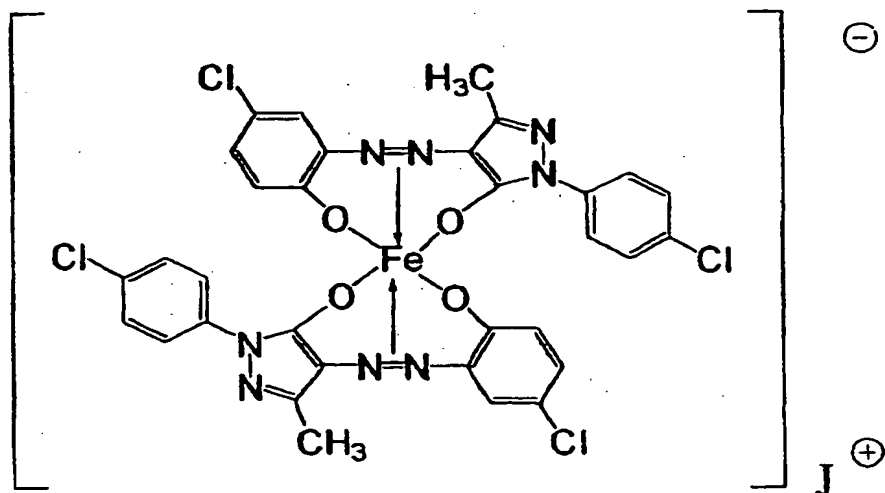
Claim 21 (Original): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16, wherein a wax is further contained.

Claim 22 (Original): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16, wherein the toner has a volume average particle size of from 2 to 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 23 (Original): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16, wherein the carrier is a resin-coated carrier.

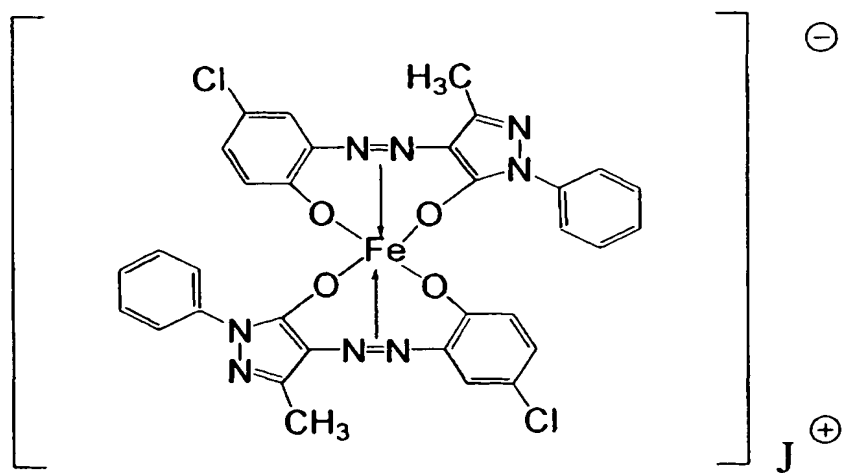


Claim 24 (Original): A monoazo iron complex compound of the formula (3),



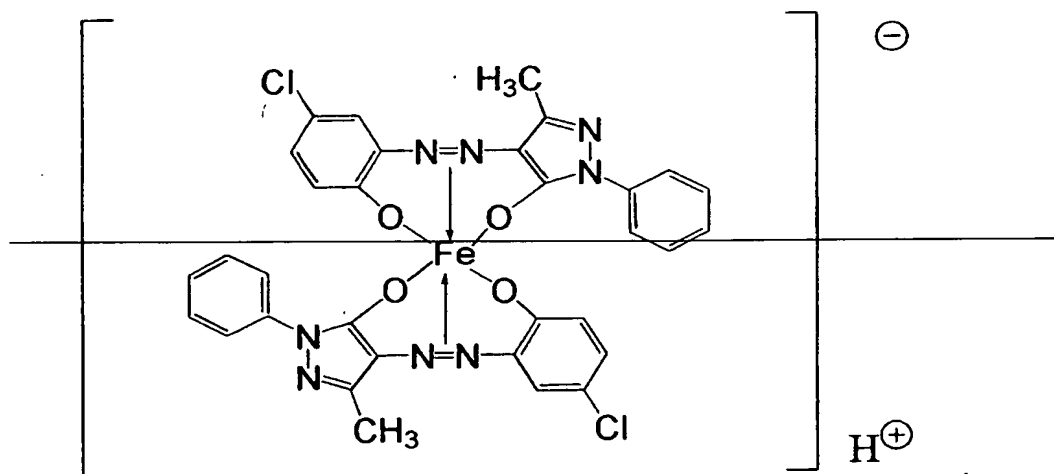
wherein J is H, Na, NH<sub>4</sub> or an alkylammonium, and they may be two or more kinds.

Claim 25 (Original): A monoazo iron complex compound of the formula (4),

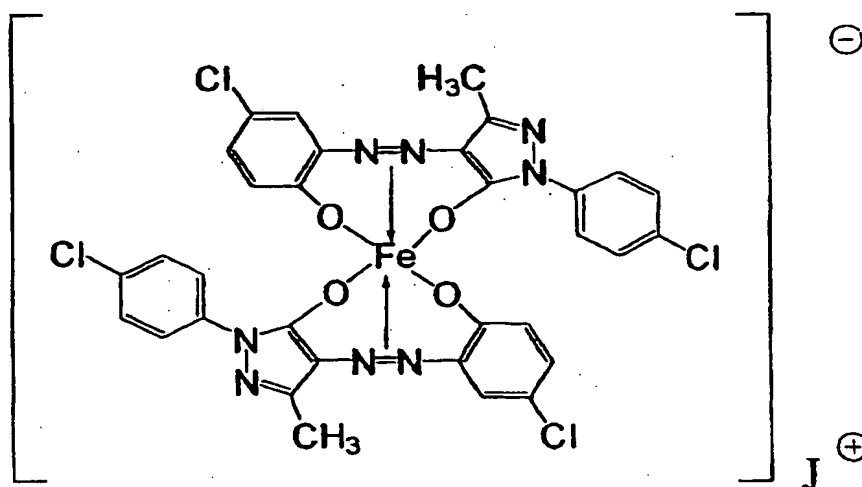


wherein J is H, Na, NH<sub>4</sub> or an alkylammonium, and they may be two or more kinds.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The A-monoazo iron complex compound claimed in Claim 25, wherein J is H.  
of the formula (5),

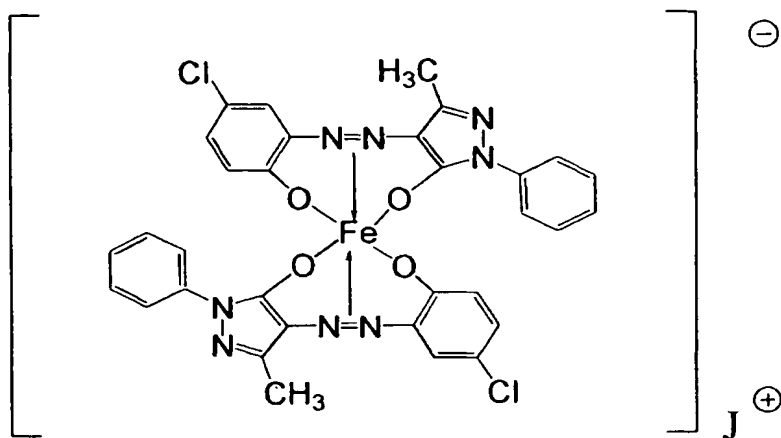


Claim 27 (New): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the charge controlling agent is one as defined in the following formula:



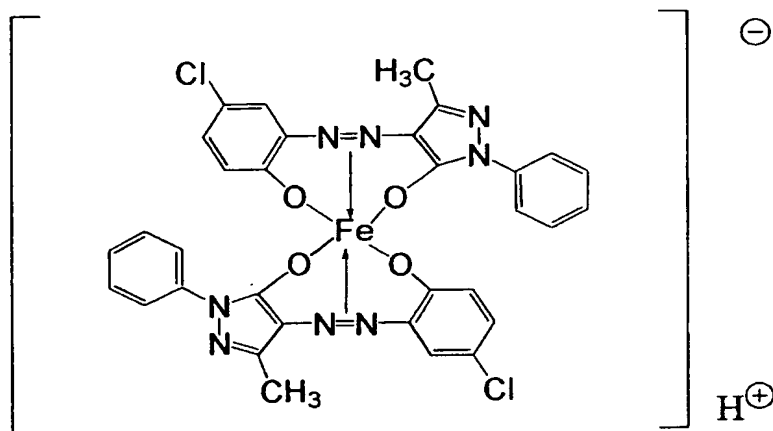
wherein J is H, Na, NH<sub>4</sub> or an alkylammonium, and they may be two or more kinds.

Claim 28 (New): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the charge controlling agent is defined in the following formula:

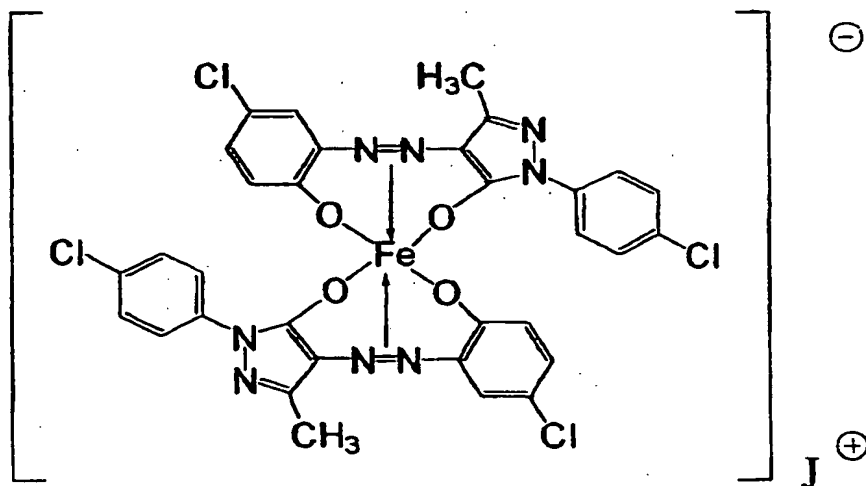


wherein J is H, Na,  $\text{NH}_4$  or an alkylammonium, and they may be two or more kinds.

Claim 29 (New): The toner according to Claim 7, wherein the charge controlling agent is defined in the following formula:

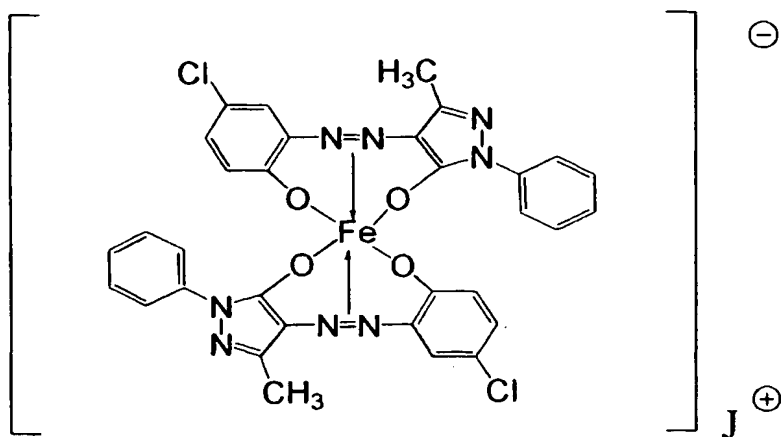


Claim 30 (New): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16,  
wherein the charge controlling agent is defined by the following formula:



wherein J is H, Na,  $\text{NH}_4$  or an alkylammonium, and they may be two or more kinds.

Claim 31 (New): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16,  
wherein the charge controlling agent is defined by the following formula:



wherein J is H, Na,  $\text{NH}_4$  or an alkylammonium, and they may be two or more kinds.

Claim 32 (New): The two-component system developer according to Claim 16,  
wherein the charge controlling agent is defined by the following formula:

